

Maine Revised Statutes
Title 22: HEALTH AND WELFARE

Chapter 1603: CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES PRESCRIPTION MONITORING

§7254. EXEMPTION FROM OPIOID MEDICATION LIMITS UNTIL JANUARY 2017; RULEMAKING

1. Exemption until January 2017. In addition to the exceptions established in Title 32, section 2210, subsection 2; section 2600-C, subsection 2; section 3300-F, subsection 2; section 3657, subsection 2; and section 18308, subsection 2, a licensed health care professional may prescribe opioid medication in an amount greater than the morphine milligram equivalents limited by Title 32, sections 2210, 2600-C, 3300-F, 3657 and 18308 as long as it is medically necessary and the need is documented in the patient's chart.

This subsection is repealed January 1, 2017 or on the effective date of the rules establishing exceptions to prescriber limits as provided in subsection 2, whichever is later. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services shall notify the Secretary of State, Secretary of the Senate, Clerk of the House of Representatives and Revisor of Statutes of this effective date when this effective date is determined.

[2015, c. 488, §9 (NEW) .]

2. Rulemaking. Notwithstanding section 7252, no later than January 1, 2017, the department shall adopt routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A to establish reasonable exceptions to prescriber limits in Title 32, sections 2210, 2600-C, 3300-F, 3657 and 18308, including for chronic pain and acute pain. The rules must take into account clinically appropriate exceptions and include prescribers in the rule-making process including the drafting of draft rules and changes after the public hearing process to the extent permitted by Title 5, chapter 375.

[2015, c. 488, §9 (NEW) .]

SECTION HISTORY

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